



Family preparation for congregational worship on January 28, 2018

Our Scripture-Romans 12:3-8 (ESV): For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; 7 if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; 8 the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Discuss:

1. What facts should keep us from either feeling inferior or superior to other Christians (vv.3-6)?
2. What did Paul use the human body to illustrate (vv.4-5)?
3. What are the gifts of God (vv.6-8)?

Prayer: Praise the Lord for His love that binds us to Him. Praise the Lord that through Him you can love others. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for faithfulness in sharing Christ. Pray for health and strength to serve Him. Pray for our church as we minister here in Eau Claire and that the Lord would give us three new families this year. Pray for Andy Buhrow and Baptists for Life and their ministry. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (January) *"I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."*
Psalm 119.11 (esv)

Music: As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

Must Jesus bare the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.

The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free,
And then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.

Upon the crystal pavement, down at Jesus' pierced feet,
Joyful I'll cast my golden crown and His dear name repeat.

O precious cross! O glorious crown! O resurrection day!
Ye angels, from the stars come down and bare my soul away.

"Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone"; The Celebration Hymnal, #673, Word Music/Integrity Music © 1997

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